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An Exact Relation of the

GLORIOUS VICTORY

Obtain'd upon the

French and Irish Army

BEFORE

LONDON-DERRY,

On *Sunday, June* the 2d, 1689.

WITH

an Account of Major-General *KIRK's* Arrival at *London-Derry*, and the Number of Ships under his Command.

Licenced and Entred according to Order.

THE Letters from *Dublin* say, That all Artifices are used to bring over the Protestants to espouse the late King's Interest, but they are ineffectual, which is evident, for that there are in *Ireland* many thousand Protestants, of which a great number are able to bear Arms, and amongst them very many good Officers; yet hath not the late King, since his Arrival in that Kingdom, with all his gilded offers of Protection, and Liberty of Conscience, been able to prevail with Twenty Men of the Reformed Religion, to take up Arms for Defence of his Popish Cause, or assist to enslave their Posterities.

The *French* already believe themselves with that haughty Insolence in the Court, Camp, and Country, as if they were entring on the Meritorious Service (as at home) of Dragooning the defenceless Protestants, and Lording it over the Native *Irish*, insomuch, that their Biggotry and Loyalty begins to stagger, and the wiser and wealthier of them think they are assisting a Fatal Work to their Posterity, and Countrey, wishing themselves under a Protestant Protection again; the godly Monsieur stick not to say publickly, that *Ireland* cannot be blessed until there is not one damned Heretick left alive in the Kingdom.

Upon a modest Calculation, the Papist Army and Mobile, together, have already despoiled the Protestants of their personal Estates in Money, Plate, Stock, and Houshould-Goods, to the value of more than five hundred thousand Pounds Sterling; and the Commissioners appointed in each County for Sequestrations, have sequestred more than five hundred thousand Pounds *per Annum* of their real Estates, and are proceeding therein.

And Orders are given for the seizing to the use of the late King what remains unplundered in the Houses of all Protestants Absenters; and the pretended House of Commons have unanimously voted the Restitution of all Lands belonging to Abbeys, Priories, Monasteries, and all other Religious Houses throughout the Kingdom, which makes the Priests, Fryars, Monks, and the order of that disorderly Crew to appear in such Herds as if they were upon a General Muster, and the numbers of Masses for Success is incredible; but it's a Question among themselves whether most are offered for the *French* King, or his Lieutenant.

Amidst all these their *Halcyon* hopes, the dissatisfaction which appears in the most considerate of the Natives, the unanimous proceedings in *England*, the firmness and swift proceedings in *Scotland*, and the Resolution of the Garrisons of *London-Derry*, and *Inniskilling*, whose Courage hath destroyed the flower of their Army, & discouraged the rest, who confess they have lost before *Derry*, and elsewhere 10000 Horse, Foot, and Dragoons most killed, some wounded, some taken, and some deserted. And it's credited

credited at *Dublin*, that the Siege is raiſed, and the rather, for that ſome harraſſed Troops of Horſe (ſome wanting above half their number) are come thither from before *Derry*, and are ordered to joyn the Camp that is forming near *Dublin*, and there to be filled up, whiles Recruits are marching to the Northward, to Reinforce the Army.

The Account credited at *Dublin* concerning the late Action near *Ballyſhannon* is, That there are in *Inniskilling* 4000 Foot well Arm'd, and above 1000 Horſe, of as brave ſtout Men from the Northern Borders of both Kingdoms, as any are in *Europe*, and commanded by Col. *William Hamilton*, Capt. *Kingſton*, and many other brave Officers, who have made frequent and ſucceſsful Sallies upon the *Iriſh*, particularly in May laſt, upon the Occaſion following.

Thoſe of *Innisklling* having gotten together a great Stock of Proviſions of all ſorts at *Ballyſhannon*, which they deſigned to get thither by Water; the *Iriſh* got Notice thereof, and with a ſtrong Party of 12, ſome ſay 1500 Horſe and Dragoons, commanded by Col. *Sarsfield*, reſolved to make themſelves Maſters thereof, and were on their March accordingly. But Col. *Hamilton* drew out of the Town all the Horſe he had, and a conſiderable Body of Foot, and Attaqued them ſo Opportunely, and with that Courage and Reſolution, that they were ſoon forced in Diſorder and Confuſion, and the Foot coming up and ſecuring a Paſs, the whole Party was entirely defeated, *Sarsfield* and five or ſix more narrowly eſcaping, the reſt being moſt killed, and about 200 taken, the beſt of which they kept, and the reſt they ſtript and ſent away to carry the News to their Friends. In this Action they got many good Horſes, Arms, and Plunder, and have gotten home their Proviſions; ſince which, at a place called *Killey-Shani*, they attaqued and roured a Detachment that was marching to the Army, and took from them ſome Cannon and Bombs, 100 Priſoners, and as many killed; of both which Actions they have given an Account to *Derry*, and that they are in good Heart, and, if poſſible, will joyn them in a few days, and take the Field with what Forces they can make, and bring Proviſions with them.

Letters from *Cheſter* ſay, That on the 31*ſt*. paſt, about 3 in the Morning, the Wind at South-Eaſt, a brisk Gale, Major-Gen. *Kirk* ſailed from *High Lake*, having with him 3 Men of War, and 24 Ships of Burthen, on whom are Embarqued the Major-General's Regiment, Sir *John Hanmore's*, and Col. *Stewart's*, and the reſt of the Forces, with Gunners, Engineers, and a great quantity of Proviſions, Arms, Ammunition, Bombs, Cannon, Morters, Ball, Pick-axes, and Shovels.

Laſt Night, being *June* the Fifth, came an Advice from *Liverpool*, ſent in there by the *Portland-Frigate*, with the account following, *viz.* That being cruiſing on the *Iriſh* Coaſt, ſhe met with Major-General *Kirk* on *Saturday* the firſt inſtant, at Ten in the Morning off of *Carrick-Fergus* Bay, with the whole Fleet, under a good Wind for *London-Derry*, where they in all probability arrived on Sabbath-day.

There is certain Advice from *London-Derry*, That the Proteſtants in *London-Derry* having Notice on Sabbath-day Morning, *June* the Second, that Major-General *Kirk*, and the Fleet under his Command, were arrived within the Harbour's Mouth, called a Council of War, and reſolved to make a Sally on the Enemy; which they executed with all the whole Force of the Garriſon (about a thouſand Men excepted) and with that deſperate Courage and Reſolution, that they fell pell-mell upon the Enemy in their Trenches, and beat them off from their Three Batteries, and out of all their Trenches, took all their Mortars and Guns: And ſo bloody and obſtinate was the Fight, that the Proteſtants loſt about 1500 Men, and the Enemy 6000, ſome account 5000, but the leaſt above 4000 dead on the ſpot.

After which the Enemy diſcamped with their whole Army in a very great diſorder and confuſion, leaving behind them all their Bag and Baggage, of which the Proteſtants are now the Maſters, and of the Field eight Miles round.

This Good News is brought by the *Dublin* Yatch, Captain *Rice* Commander, who went with Major-General *Kirk* to *Derry*, and left them in the Harbour on Sabbath-day night, intending to land on *Munday* Morning. The Particulars of this Great and Glorious Action is expected next Poſt from *Derry*, with the true ſtate of the Garriſon.

The Letters from *Portſmouth* do affirm, That yeſterday, *June* the Fifth, the *Dutch* Fleet conſiſting of Forty Ships of War, *&c.* came to the *Spitt-head*, where the reciprocal Joy and Friendſhip of each Fleet, was loudly proclaimed by their Cannon.

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